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Fraud Investigation Report Summary January – March 2005

In California, fraud prevention and detection is an integral part of the overall management of public assistance programs. The fraud prevention program is administered at the local level by 58 county welfare departments. The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) is responsible for developing regulations and disseminating policy information/interpretation to local entities. Within the county welfare departments, the income and maintenance units have primary responsibility for determining eligibility and computing grant amounts. If fraud is suspected, the case is referred for investigation to the Special Investigative Unit (SIU). At the discretion of the county, the SIU may be placed in the county welfare department or within another county law enforcement agency such as the District Attorney's or Sheriff's Office. It is the responsibility of the SIU to conduct an investigation of such cases for the purpose of establishing whether or not evidence exists to support a charge of welfare fraud.

The Fraud Investigation Report provides statewide and county-specific fraud activity data on the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) and Food Stamp programs. Investigation activity by the SIUs is reflected in this report. Data shown represents the most current statistics available at the time of publication.

The following three reports are the data sources for this publication, and are available on the CDSS Research and Data Reports (RADR) internet website at <http://www.cdss.ca.gov/research>.

- DPA 266 - Fraud Investigation Activity Report
January, February and March 2005
- CA 237 CW - CalWORKs Cash Grant Caseload Movement Report
January, February and March 2005
- DFA 256 - Food Stamp Program Participation and Benefit Issuance Report
January, February and March 2005

Unless otherwise stated, each data item in the publication is a quarterly rollup of three months of data from the DPA 266 – Fraud Investigation Activity Report.

CalWORKs Statewide Highlights

January – March 2005

Investigation Requests

- 35,067 requests for investigation were **received** by California Special Investigative Units (SIUs) during the quarter, with a monthly average during the quarter of 11,689 investigation requests. The monthly average of investigation requests represents 2.35% of the 498,017 CalWORKs statewide caseload (monthly average during January – March 2005).
- 34,461 investigation requests were **accepted** for investigation during the quarter. This is 98% of the 35,067 investigation requests received.
 - 21,804 (63%) were Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program requests.
 - 5,451 (16%) were investigation requests for other reasons including other unreported income, homeless assistance, unreported resources/assets, duplicate/replaced warrants, duplicate aid, forgery, residence, fictitious identity, internal affairs, child care, drug felon, fleeing felon, probation/parole violators, and other miscellaneous elements of fraud.
 - 4,281 (12%) were Income and Eligibility Verification System (IEVS) requests.
 - 2,925 (9%) were family (household) composition requests.
- 93,338 investigations were **available** during the quarter.
 - 58,877 (63%) of the available investigations were **pending** at the beginning of the quarter.
 - 34,461 (37%) of the available investigations were **accepted** for investigation during the quarter.

Investigations Completed and the Results

- 34,464 investigations were **completed** during the quarter. This is 37% of the 93,338 total investigations available.
 - 11,884 (34%) of the completed cases had evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
 - 22,580 (66%) of the completed cases did not have evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
- Of the 34,464 completed investigations, the **results** included:
 - 6,229 (18%) of the cases were denied, reduced or discontinued due to the Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program.
 - 2,273 (7%) of the cases had fraud found, but with no adverse financial impact.
 - 1,745 (5%) of the cases had restitution action taken.
 - 1,668 (5%) of the cases were reduced or discontinued in non-Early Fraud cases.
 - 735 (2%) of the cases were referred for prosecution.
 - 194 (.56%) of the cases were referred to an Administrative Disqualification Hearing.
 - 129 (.37%) of the cases had expiration of statutes.

Note: Completed investigations could have multiple results. Completed investigations with allegation unfounded, insufficient evidence, and other miscellaneous results included in the 34,464 are not shown in this report.

Prosecution Activity

- 2,592 referrals were **available** to the District Attorney for prosecution during the quarter.
 - 1,902 (73%) were referrals **pending** at the beginning of the quarter.
 - 690 (27%) were referrals **received** during the quarter.
- There were 2,592 referrals available to the District Attorney for prosecution consideration during the quarter.
 - 618 **prosecutions** were filed. This is 24% of the available prosecution referrals.
- There were 618 prosecutions filed by the District Attorney during the quarter.
 - 591 **convictions** were obtained. Some convictions obtained were from prosecutions filed in prior quarters.

Overpayments and Collections

- \$5,888,470 **fraud overpayments** were identified during the quarter.
- \$5,127,008 **collections** were made during the quarter. Some collections obtained were from overpayments identified in prior quarters.

Food Stamp Statewide Highlights January – March 2005

Investigation Requests

- 51,818 requests for investigation were **received** by California Special Investigative Units (SIUs) during the quarter, with a monthly average during the quarter of 17,273 investigation requests. The monthly average of investigation requests represents 2.48% of the 696,441 Food Stamp statewide caseload (monthly average during January – March 2004, as January – March 2005 data was incomplete due to C-IV programming).
- 50,936 investigation requests were **accepted** for investigation during the quarter. This is 98% of the 51,818 investigation requests received.
 - 30,547 (60%) were Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program requests.
 - 8,847 (17%) were Income and Eligibility Verification System (IEVS) requests.
 - 8,204 (16%) were investigation requests for other reasons including other unreported income, unreported resources/assets, duplicate/replaced Food Stamps, duplicate aid, forgery, residence, fictitious identity, Food Stamp trafficking, internal affairs, child care, drug felon, fleeing felon, probation/parole violators, and other miscellaneous elements of fraud.
 - 3,338 (7%) were family (household) composition requests.
- 147,142 investigations were **available** during the quarter.
 - 96,206 (65%) of the available investigations were **pending** at the beginning of the quarter.
 - 50,936 (35%) of the available investigations were **accepted** for investigation during the quarter.

Investigations Completed and the Results

- 50,656 investigations were **completed** during the quarter. This is 34% of the 147,142 total investigations available.
 - 16,511 (33%) of the completed cases had evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
 - 34,145 (67%) of the completed cases did not have evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
- Of the 50,656 completed investigations, the **results** included:
 - 9,094 (18%) of the cases were denied, reduced or discontinued due to the Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program.
 - 2,611 (5%) of the cases had fraud found, but with no adverse financial impact.
 - 2,406 (5%) of the cases had restitution action taken.
 - 2,255 (4%) of the cases were reduced or discontinued in non-Early Fraud cases.
 - 877 (2%) of the cases were referred for prosecution.
 - 216 (.43%) of the cases were referred to an Administrative Disqualification Hearing.
 - 121 (.24%) of the cases had expiration of statutes.

Note: Completed investigations could have multiple results. Completed investigations with allegation unfounded, insufficient evidence, and other miscellaneous results included in the 50,656 are not shown in this report.

Prosecution Activity

- 3,316 referrals were **available** to the District Attorney for prosecution during the quarter.
 - 2,488 (75%) were referrals **pending** at the beginning of the quarter.
 - 828 (25%) were referrals **received** during the quarter.
- There were 3,316 referrals available to the District Attorney for prosecution consideration during the quarter.
 - 734 **prosecutions** were filed. This is 22% of the available prosecution referrals.
- There were 734 prosecutions filed by the District Attorney during the quarter.
 - 648 **convictions** were obtained. Some convictions obtained were from prosecutions filed in prior quarters.

Overissuances and Collections

- \$3,607,249 **fraud overissuances** were identified during the quarter.
- \$1,752,342 **collections** were made during the quarter. Some collections obtained were from overissuances identified in prior quarters.

Welfare Fraud Special Investigative Units**January – March 2005**

Below is a listing of the locations of each county's Welfare Fraud Special Investigative Unit(s).

County	County Welfare Department	District Attorney's Office	County Welfare Department and District Attorney's Office	Sheriff's Office
Statewide	26	21	9	2
Alameda			✓	
Alpine	✓			
Amador			✓	
Butte		✓		
Calaveras			✓	
Colusa		✓		
Contra Costa			✓	
Del Norte		✓		
El Dorado	✓			
Fresno		✓		
Glenn	✓			
Humboldt	✓			
Imperial		✓		
Inyo		✓		
Kern		✓		
Kings	✓			
Lake				✓
Lassen				✓
Los Angeles			✓	
Madera		✓		
Marin	✓			
Mariposa	✓			
Mendocino	✓			
Merced		✓		
Modoc		✓		
Mono		✓		
Monterey			✓	
Napa	✓			
Nevada	✓			
Orange		✓		
Placer	✓			
Plumas	✓			
Riverside	✓			
Sacramento	✓			
San Benito	✓			
San Bernardino	✓			
San Diego		✓		
San Francisco			✓	
San Joaquin		✓		
San Luis Obispo	✓			
San Mateo	✓			
Santa Barbara		✓		
Santa Clara		✓		
Santa Cruz	✓			
Shasta		✓		
Sierra	✓			
Siskiyou		✓		
Solano	✓			
Sonoma	✓			
Stanislaus	✓			
Sutter			✓	
Tehama		✓		
Trinity	✓			
Tulare		✓		
Tuolumne	✓			
Ventura		✓		
Yolo			✓	
Yuba	✓			

CalWORKs

Tables

TABLE 1
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS BY SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE UNITS
January – March 2005

County	CalWORKs Caseload ^{a/}	Investigation Requests		Investigations Completed	Evidence to Support an Allegation of Fraud		Investigations Pending End of Quarter ^{b/}
		Received	Accepted		Sufficient	Not Sufficient	
Statewide	498,017	35,067	34,461	34,464	11,884	22,580	58,321
Alameda	19,212	560	559	576	273	303	773
Alpine	11	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	270	20	20	25	10	15	70
Butte	3,988	314	311	301	116	185	601
Calaveras	391	229	229	229	43	186	0
Colusa	217	15	15	13	3	10	52
Contra Costa	8,933	225	204	202	103	99	121
Del Norte	909	20	20	13	8	5	88
El Dorado	1,033	64	64	159	62	97	407
Fresno	24,340	377	377	458	288	170	1,132
Glenn	504	216	216	171	35	136	141
Humboldt	2,039	89	87	121	50	71	70
Imperial	4,005	119	119	168	105	63	618
Inyo	148	7	7	0	0	0	35
Kern	17,920	1,033	1,023	1,108	597	511	606
Kings	2,737	441	441	505	132	373	323
Lake	1,307	119	119	115	50	65	92
Lassen	525	25	25	17	2	15	15
Los Angeles	167,904	8,277	8,024	7,647	1,981	5,666	37,775
Madera	3,244	519	519	590	50	540	253
Marin	971	37	37	51	24	27	403
Mariposa	193	7	7	19	1	18	38
Mendocino	1,587	94	92	52	30	22	484
Merced	7,022	330	325	202	140	62	606
Modoc	198	73	73	90	21	69	38
Mono	49	1	1	2	2	0	3
Monterey	5,082	382	382	157	42	115	245
Napa	532	34	34	41	20	21	124
Nevada	600	33	26	15	10	5	73
Orange	17,468	2,371	2,363	2,359	1,240	1,119	864
Placer	1,405	22	22	28	12	16	153
Plumas	177	24	24	24	16	8	4
Riverside	20,628	5,173	5,162	5,339	1,046	4,293	648
Sacramento	28,662	725	681	719	404	315	1,214
San Benito	699	22	22	19	3	16	22
San Bernardino	34,893	3,143	3,143	3,232	1,364	1,868	359
San Diego	24,084	3,536	3,421	3,400	948	2,452	1,162
San Francisco	6,104	360	360	251	251	0	2,047
San Joaquin	14,161	166	166	221	135	86	289
San Luis Obispo	1,768	109	109	117	69	48	254
San Mateo	2,555	227	227	33	11	22	630
Santa Barbara	4,461	175	175	163	67	96	204
Santa Clara	15,002	360	306	314	146	168	223
Santa Cruz	2,093	682	679	603	54	549	378
Shasta	3,427	273	273	355	234	121	405
Sierra	35	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	933	262	262	247	129	118	61
Solano	4,727	1,222	1,218	1,167	323	844	910
Sonoma	2,927	143	140	181	97	84	257
Stanislaus	9,343	511	462	513	318	195	986
Sutter	1,187	266	266	280	116	164	45
Tehama	1,278	134	134	139	30	109	69
Trinity	204	19	19	28	0	28	27
Tulare	13,356	158	155	200	16	184	897
Tuolumne	626	143	135	151	65	86	55
Ventura	5,869	349	349	524	250	274	427
Yolo	2,191	132	132	113	43	70	516
Yuba	1,880	700	700	697	299	398	29

^{a/} Effective with the January 2003 report month, the source form (CA 237 CW) was changed to collect families data from Two Parent Families, Zero Parent Families, All Other Families, TANF Timed-Out Cases and Safety Net Cases. The data is a monthly average for the quarter. NOTE: County numbers may not add to Statewide total due to rounding.

^{b/} Data is from DPA 266 March 2005 Item 7 Investigations pending at end of month. The investigations pending numbers include county case adjustments that occurred during the quarter. NOTE: The statewide total of Investigations pending at the *beginning* of the quarter, from DPA 266 January 2005 Item 4 was 58,877.

TABLE 2
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
REQUESTS ACCEPTED FOR INVESTIGATION BY PRIMARY ELEMENT OF FRAUD
January – March 2005

County	Early Fraud Prevention/ Detection	Income and Eligibility Verification System	Family (Household) Composition	Other Unreported Income	Residence	Unreported Resources/ Assets	Other ^{a/}
Statewide	21,804	4,281	2,925	1,328	923	225	2,975
Alameda	446	34	35	13	1	8	22
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	0	6	3	2	1	8
Butte	8	6	88	33	22	8	146
Calaveras	175	19	8	5	8	1	13
Colusa	0	0	3	4	2	0	6
Contra Costa	104	21	19	35	0	1	24
Del Norte	0	0	7	2	2	0	9
El Dorado	1	2	21	24	7	2	7
Fresno	94	87	106	48	21	3	18
Glenn	75	16	32	41	26	5	21
Humboldt	13	0	31	21	3	1	18
Imperial	77	0	23	4	14	0	1
Inyo	3	2	1	1	0	0	0
Kern	442	29	236	107	58	12	139
Kings	329	0	61	21	11	0	19
Lake	7	9	54	7	15	2	25
Lassen	14	0	8	0	2	1	0
Los Angeles	3,943	2,870	150	128	0	13	920
Madera	451	12	32	12	3	1	8
Marin	8	5	4	3	2	0	15
Mariposa	1	0	3	0	2	0	1
Mendocino	3	64	15	5	1	3	1
Merced	66	31	90	26	24	1	87
Modoc	59	1	5	1	4	0	3
Mono	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Monterey	135	24	16	52	58	5	92
Napa	0	1	14	6	2	3	8
Nevada	8	0	11	2	4	1	0
Orange	2,131	41	51	43	14	4	79
Placer	0	0	9	3	3	2	5
Plumas	14	0	8	1	0	1	0
Riverside	4,723	135	109	37	26	20	112
Sacramento	341	156	58	39	17	1	69
San Benito	0	1	8	2	1	0	10
San Bernardino	1,732	11	578	98	224	12	488
San Diego	3,012	130	70	92	24	1	92
San Francisco	97	258	0	0	0	0	5
San Joaquin	131	14	10	2	1	4	4
San Luis Obispo	28	7	33	9	11	8	13
San Mateo	78	4	57	60	18	2	8
Santa Barbara	40	15	53	20	16	2	29
Santa Clara	212	41	33	7	5	3	5
Santa Cruz	421	35	109	78	15	6	15
Shasta	125	0	81	21	10	0	36
Sierra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	71	0	45	16	48	70	12
Solano	976	102	86	24	13	1	16
Sonoma	41	15	34	7	3	0	40
Stanislaus	111	54	170	27	56	3	41
Sutter	199	0	18	25	11	2	11
Tehama	22	0	55	25	7	0	25
Trinity	4	1	5	0	1	0	8
Tulare	0	13	89	21	7	4	21
Tuolumne	113	0	10	1	4	0	7
Ventura	138	3	0	33	53	4	118
Yolo	64	11	21	12	8	1	15
Yuba	518	1	46	20	33	2	80

a/ "Other" includes homeless assistance, duplicate warrants, duplicate (multiple) aid, forgery, fictitious identity, internal affairs, child care, drug felon, fleeing felon, probation/parole violators, and other miscellaneous elements of fraud.

TABLE 3
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
INVESTIGATION RESULTS^{a/}
January – March 2005

County	Early Fraud (Denials/Benefits Reduced/ Discontinuances)	Referred for		Restitution Action	Benefits Reduced or Discontinued (Non-Early Fraud)	Fraud Found, No Adverse Financial Impact	Expiration of Statutes
		Prosecution	Administrative Disqualification Hearing				
Statewide	6,229	735	194	1,745	1,668	2,273	129
Alameda	223	22	0	14	6	8	33
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	4	0	1	8	0	0
Butte	43	28	0	6	45	2	0
Calaveras	25	0	0	1	13	4	0
Colusa	0	0	0	0	3	0	2
Contra Costa	26	6	0	45	0	26	0
Del Norte	1	0	0	6	1	0	0
El Dorado	1	2	0	11	13	36	0
Fresno	40	49	154	1	46	0	39
Glenn	7	1	0	9	9	9	0
Humboldt	19	0	0	11	27	1	0
Imperial	38	0	0	1	24	4	0
Inyo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kern	172	74	0	43	167	79	1
Kings	73	12	0	4	28	15	0
Lake	14	4	0	8	27	7	0
Lassen	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Los Angeles	1,012	137	0	573	16	680	0
Madera	7	3	0	13	22	5	0
Marin	1	0	0	9	9	5	0
Mariposa	0	0	0	0	0	1	6
Mendocino	1	0	0	26	2	3	0
Merced	15	18	0	12	66	42	0
Modoc	16	2	0	0	2	1	0
Mono	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	249	1	0	0	23	1	0
Napa	4	0	0	8	1	7	0
Nevada	5	0	0	0	4	1	0
Orange	777	29	7	68	343	184	0
Placer	1	0	0	7	5	0	0
Plumas	8	0	0	2	2	4	0
Riverside	853	51	0	130	5	7	0
Sacramento	209	12	0	120	59	4	0
San Benito	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
San Bernardino	454	37	0	6	269	566	0
San Diego	665	56	32	203	6	81	0
San Francisco	0	1	0	2	0	0	0
San Joaquin	70	39	0	2	5	20	0
San Luis Obispo	14	8	0	12	30	6	1
San Mateo	54	6	1	15	25	22	0
Santa Barbara	19	8	0	25	24	7	0
Santa Clara	87	16	0	8	0	35	8
Santa Cruz	52	5	0	6	0	0	1
Shasta	53	7	0	45	40	89	10
Sierra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	9	0	0	20	28	72	0
Solano	226	15	0	36	15	31	2
Sonoma	30	2	0	82	50	46	19
Stanislaus	64	20	0	94	142	95	3
Sutter	60	11	0	14	15	20	1
Tehama	3	7	0	1	12	9	0
Trinity	2	0	0	0	3	0	3
Tulare	0	9	0	4	3	0	0
Tuolumne	40	3	0	0	6	16	0
Ventura	239	11	0	0	0	0	0
Yolo	13	13	0	10	0	7	0
Yuba	235	3	0	31	15	15	0

a/ This table reflects the outcome of an investigation. In some instances an investigation may have more than one outcome reported. Therefore, the data displayed on this table may not correspond to the numbers on Table 1.

TABLE 4
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
DISTRICT ATTORNEY PROSECUTION ACTIVITY
January – March 2005

County	Referrals Received	Referrals Available ^{a/}	Prosecutions Filed	Decision Made Not to Prosecute
Statewide	690	2,592	618	69
Alameda	22	414	12	1
Alpine	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	3	0	0
Butte	23	34	0	0
Calaveras	0	0	0	0
Colusa	0	0	0	0
Contra Costa	2	20	2	17
Del Norte	0	0	0	0
El Dorado	2	2	2	0
Fresno	49	146	48	0
Glenn	1	1	0	1
Humboldt	0	3	1	1
Imperial	0	43	0	0
Inyo	0	1	1	0
Kern	72	94	44	1
Kings	12	17	12	1
Lake	4	16	6	3
Lassen	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	137	259	95	9
Madera	8	8	8	0
Marin	0	2	0	0
Mariposa	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	0	4	0	0
Merced	18	150	70	10
Modoc	3	3	1	0
Mono	0	2	2	0
Monterey	0	41	2	1
Napa	0	21	0	0
Nevada	0	0	0	0
Orange	29	71	30	0
Placer	0	45	2	0
Plumas	0	2	0	0
Riverside	39	50	42	1
Sacramento	12	395	6	2
San Benito	0	0	0	0
San Bernardino	37	38	37	0
San Diego	56	69	39	4
San Francisco	1	98	1	0
San Joaquin	34	163	31	4
San Luis Obispo	0	0	0	0
San Mateo	5	8	8	0
Santa Barbara	8	8	4	4
Santa Clara	16	34	17	1
Santa Cruz	6	8	6	0
Shasta	7	13	12	0
Sierra	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	0	4	0	0
Solano	15	171	1	2
Sonoma	2	10	5	3
Stanislaus	20	20	20	0
Sutter	12	12	11	1
Tehama	0	0	0	0
Trinity	0	0	0	0
Tulare	9	9	9	0
Tuolumne	3	3	1	2
Ventura	11	43	11	0
Yolo	13	13	13	0
Yuba	2	21	6	0

^{a/} Data is from DPA 266 January 2005 Item 23 Referrals pending beginning of month plus January, February and March 2005's Item 24 Referrals received during the month.

TABLE 5
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
PROSECUTION OUTCOMES^{a/}
January – March 2005

County	Convictions	Administrative Action	Disqualification Consent Agreements	Charge Pleaded	Dismissals	Acquittals	Declinations	Expiration of Statutes
Statewide	591	5	25	82	58	3	27	2
Alameda	15	1	1	0	10	0	1	0
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Butte	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Calaveras	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Colusa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Contra Costa	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0
Del Norte	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
El Dorado	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fresno	51	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
Glenn	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	0
Humboldt	2	0	4	0	1	0	0	0
Imperial	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inyo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kern	41	0	0	0	5	0	0	0
Kings	7	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Lake	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
Lassen	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	79	0	0	0	8	0	0	0
Madera	7	0	7	0	0	0	0	0
Marin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mariposa	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Merced	21	0	0	0	2	0	9	1
Modoc	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0
Napa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nevada	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Orange	21	3	0	0	2	2	0	0
Placer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Plumas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Riverside	33	0	0	36	1	0	0	0
Sacramento	30	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
San Benito	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Bernardino	41	0	0	0	8	0	0	0
San Diego	61	0	0	0	6	0	0	0
San Francisco	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Joaquin	21	0	0	0	4	0	4	0
San Luis Obispo	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Mateo	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Santa Barbara	16	1	4	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Clara	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Cruz	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shasta	20	0	0	0	2	0	1	0
Sierra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Solano	8	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
Sonoma	3	0	0	0	1	0	3	0
Stanislaus	12	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Sutter	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0
Tehama	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trinity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tulare	29	0	0	28	0	0	0	0
Tuolumne	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Ventura	8	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Yolo	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yuba	0	0	2	6	0	0	0	0

^{a/} This table reflects the outcome of a prosecution. In some instances a prosecution may have more than one outcome reported.

TABLE 6
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
FRAUD OVERPAYMENTS AND COLLECTIONS
January – March 2005

County	Fraud Overpayments Identified	Total Collections
Statewide	\$5,888,470	\$5,127,008
Alameda	198,038	479,271
Alpine	0	0
Amador	97	1,239
Butte	65,666	6,861
Calaveras	0	1,188
Colusa	0	359
Contra Costa	39,760	43,623
Del Norte	8,903	5,112
El Dorado	8,999	19,733
Fresno	90,995	149,905
Glenn	21,368	4,647
Humboldt	14,253	9,353
Imperial	0	0
Inyo	0	8,671
Kern	340,830	101,812
Kings	23,812	57,991
Lake	14,281	3,861
Lassen	5,698	1,319
Los Angeles	2,557,706	1,672,100
Madera	41,327	22,724
Marin	7,524	20,937
Mariposa	0	2,547
Mendocino	45,490	46,175
Merced <i>a/</i>	17,432	2,455
Modoc	6,431	250
Mono	4,736	0
Monterey	5,378	68,202
Napa	11,245	12,419
Nevada	0	2,758
Orange	96,091	178,218
Placer <i>b/</i>	12,798	13,617
Plumas	1,209	2,347
Riverside <i>a/</i>	259,154	194,979
Sacramento <i>b/</i>	280,164	366,978
San Benito	6,488	26,631
San Bernardino <i>a/</i>	129,558	96,046
San Diego	371,955	367,428
San Francisco	99,119	130,928
San Joaquin	123,229	52,768
San Luis Obispo	32,437	5,500
San Mateo	20,250	2,471
Santa Barbara	26,631	145,750
Santa Clara	145,834	353,621
Santa Cruz	16,875	21,917
Shasta	72,863	19,226
Sierra	0	100
Siskiyou	60,000	73,000
Solano	76,253	86,289
Sonoma	84,894	83,439
Stanislaus <i>c/</i>	265,480	0
Sutter	29,134	4,321
Tehama	0	2,029
Trinity	0	212
Tulare	101,655	13,134
Tuolumne	4,245	7,210
Ventura	1,118	86,617
Yolo	20,147	34,731
Yuba	20,921	11,989

a/ Merced, Riverside and San Bernardino's collections data was generated by C-IV system and may be incomplete/incorrect for this period.

b/ Placer and Sacramento's collections data was generated by CalWIN system and may be incomplete/incorrect for this period.

c/ Stanislaus' collections data is not available for this period due to C-IV programming problems.

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TABLE 7
Food Stamp Program
FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS BY SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE UNITS
January – March 2005

County	Participating Households ^{a/}	Investigation Requests		Investigations Completed	Evidence to Support an Allegation of Fraud		Investigations Pending End of Quarter ^{b/}
		Received	Accepted		Sufficient	Not Sufficient	
Statewide	696,441	51,818	50,936	50,656	16,511	34,145	96,435
Alameda	26,016	1,051	1,050	1,043	514	529	826
Alpine	32	2	2	1	1	0	1
Amador	483	29	29	28	13	15	91
Butte	6,663	340	336	322	184	138	606
Calaveras	786	488	488	488	88	400	0
Colusa	468	23	23	21	5	16	65
Contra Costa	11,110	300	282	274	144	130	225
Del Norte	1,572	29	29	16	7	9	113
El Dorado	1,804	114	114	232	95	137	421
Fresno	38,537	444	444	485	313	172	881
Glenn	844	396	396	353	68	285	328
Humboldt	4,791	151	149	181	70	111	84
Imperial	5,786	123	123	176	111	65	679
Inyo	442	6	6	0	0	0	45
Kern	26,577	1,371	1,359	1,422	895	527	701
Kings	4,964	616	616	697	188	509	409
Lake	2,306	173	173	159	75	84	126
Lassen	832	38	38	23	3	20	23
Los Angeles	282,195	13,960	13,532	13,098	2,847	10,251	67,826
Madera	5,355	856	856	948	79	869	316
Marin	2,243	114	114	160	53	107	1,022
Mariposa	345	7	7	26	3	23	51
Mendocino	3,404	117	116	69	39	30	525
Merced	3,198	537	525	362	266	96	834
Modoc	305	165	165	217	57	160	65
Mono	126	0	0	0	0	0	2
Monterey	7,206	582	582	266	56	210	278
Napa	1,066	67	67	77	33	44	204
Nevada	991	43	36	26	21	5	87
Orange	30,210	2,723	2,710	2,718	1,541	1,177	794
Placer	672	44	44	49	23	26	177
Plumas	278	35	35	33	22	11	18
Riverside	8,308	8,857	8,840	9,087	1,776	7,311	925
Sacramento	38,578	739	700	579	375	204	3,360
San Benito	1,144	36	36	36	5	31	27
San Bernardino	15,278	1,955	1,955	2,407	903	1,504	295
San Diego	30,070	3,624	3,501	3,407	1,076	2,331	1,169
San Francisco	19,355	713	713	501	498	3	4,210
San Joaquin	5,113	182	182	238	150	88	325
San Luis Obispo	3,213	154	154	174	109	65	306
San Mateo	3,609	517	517	58	18	40	1,368
Santa Barbara	7,759	350	350	348	148	200	266
Santa Clara	22,720	1,284	1,209	1,196	462	734	266
Santa Cruz	4,556	1,962	1,961	1,935	336	1,599	444
Shasta	5,424	397	397	489	316	173	478
Sierra	62	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	1,670	729	729	742	403	339	52
Solano	6,307	1,573	1,568	1,466	402	1,064	1,171
Sonoma	5,612	343	340	338	126	212	647
Stanislaus	4,156	674	607	665	414	251	1,207
Sutter	1,924	391	391	413	175	238	55
Tehama	2,079	134	134	139	30	109	68
Trinity	365	42	42	50	2	48	47
Tulare	20,312	169	166	233	19	214	648
Tuolumne	1,109	355	304	323	161	162	93
Ventura	9,996	413	413	604	242	362	406
Yolo	3,332	207	207	185	86	99	748
Yuba	2,784	1,074	1,074	1,073	465	608	31

^{a/} Data is the monthly average of the Federal and State Public Assistance and Nonassistance Food Stamp participating households from the DFA 256 report. NOTE: County numbers may not add to Statewide total due to rounding.

^{b/} Data is from DPA 266 March 2005 Item 7 Investigations pending at the end of the month. The investigations pending numbers include county case adjustments that occurred during the quarter. NOTE: The statewide total of Investigations pending at the beginning of the quarter from DPA 266 January 2005 Item 4 was 96,206.

TABLE 8
Food Stamp Program
REQUESTS ACCEPTED FOR INVESTIGATION BY PRIMARY ELEMENT OF FRAUD
January – March 2005

County	Early Fraud Prevention/ Detection	Income and Eligibility Verification System	Family (Household) Composition	Other Unreported Income	Residence	Unreported Resources/ Assets	Other ^{a/}
Statewide	30,547	8,847	3,338	1,811	1,180	410	4,803
Alameda	516	37	35	13	1	8	440
Alpine	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Amador	0	0	10	3	3	0	13
Butte	8	7	97	48	25	8	143
Calaveras	400	33	12	6	11	8	18
Colusa	0	0	3	4	3	0	13
Contra Costa	91	65	28	44	0	1	53
Del Norte	1	0	8	3	4	0	13
El Dorado	6	9	29	35	13	2	20
Fresno	113	103	122	62	23	3	18
Glenn	172	28	44	72	40	12	28
Humboldt	13	1	36	27	5	1	66
Imperial	79	0	24	5	14	0	1
Inyo	3	1	1	1	0	0	0
Kern	673	38	263	130	74	16	165
Kings	486	5	61	25	19	0	20
Lake	12	11	69	9	21	3	48
Lassen	21	0	12	0	3	2	0
Los Angeles	5,540	6,341	187	316	0	17	1,131
Madera	767	13	36	18	3	2	17
Marin	12	18	4	5	4	0	71
Mariposa	1	0	3	0	2	0	1
Mendocino	2	80	16	5	6	3	4
Merced	88	79	103	37	24	2	192
Modoc	147	1	6	2	5	0	4
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	200	25	19	67	65	8	198
Napa	3	1	15	9	8	2	29
Nevada	17	0	11	2	4	1	1
Orange	2,482	60	54	52	17	5	40
Placer	1	0	9	5	5	2	22
Plumas	22	0	11	1	0	1	0
Riverside	8,250	204	165	40	24	18	139
Sacramento	224	282	52	36	19	1	86
San Benito	1	2	6	1	1	11	14
San Bernardino	56	17	604	101	265	14	898
San Diego	3,059	218	72	106	37	1	8
San Francisco	128	571	0	0	1	0	13
San Joaquin	143	16	10	2	2	4	5
San Luis Obispo	37	12	39	13	17	10	26
San Mateo	200	9	97	96	69	10	36
Santa Barbara	160	32	62	29	18	3	46
Santa Clara	1,094	60	34	7	5	4	5
Santa Cruz	1,641	67	117	84	18	6	28
Shasta	230	0	87	28	10	1	41
Sierra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	329	0	60	37	80	192	31
Solano	1,242	200	65	25	16	2	18
Sonoma	45	73	33	10	5	1	173
Stanislaus	130	88	241	36	58	5	49
Sutter	309	0	28	24	15	2	13
Tehama	22	0	55	25	7	0	25
Trinity	15	2	5	0	2	1	17
Tulare	0	13	98	24	9	3	19
Tuolumne	271	0	11	3	6	0	13
Ventura	78	3	0	42	45	11	234
Yolo	111	17	22	14	10	1	32
Yuba	896	5	47	21	39	2	64

a/ "Other" includes replaced lost Food Stamps, duplicate (multiple) aid, forgery, fictitious identity, Food Stamp trafficking, internal affairs, child care, drug felon, fleeing felon, probation/parole violators, and other miscellaneous elements of fraud.

TABLE 9
Food Stamp Program
INVESTIGATION RESULTS^{a/}
January – March 2005

County	Early Fraud (Denials/Benefits Reduced/ Discontinuances)	Referred for		Restitution Action	Benefits Reduced or Discontinued (Non-Early Fraud)	Fraud Found, No Adverse Financial Impact	Expiration of Statutes
		Prosecution	Administrative Disqualification Hearing				
Statewide	9,094	877	216	2,406	2,255	2,611	121
Alameda	460	23	0	20	7	4	28
Alpine	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	6	0	1	11	0	0
Butte	109	30	0	5	46	2	0
Calaveras	68	0	0	1	13	6	0
Colusa	0	0	0	0	3	2	2
Contra Costa	34	6	1	83	0	20	0
Del Norte	1	0	0	5	1	0	0
El Dorado	4	3	0	13	22	54	0
Fresno	43	51	165	1	53	0	27
Glenn	17	1	0	16	18	16	0
Humboldt	29	1	0	17	33	2	0
Imperial	40	0	0	1	26	4	0
Inyo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kern	411	83	0	50	203	94	3
Kings	108	21	0	8	29	22	0
Lake	21	5	0	22	39	7	0
Lassen	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
Los Angeles	1,547	153	0	774	79	915	0
Madera	13	6	0	27	28	5	0
Marin	2	0	0	17	24	10	0
Mariposa	1	0	0	0	1	1	13
Mendocino	2	0	0	29	6	4	1
Merced	19	33	0	32	128	77	0
Modoc	47	3	0	0	4	3	0
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	89	1	0	0	33	3	0
Napa	7	0	0	13	4	9	0
Nevada	14	0	0	0	6	1	0
Orange	972	37	9	91	417	93	0
Placer	2	0	0	8	14	0	0
Plumas	15	0	0	2	4	1	0
Riverside	1,507	62	0	191	10	6	0
Sacramento	209	6	0	130	30	0	0
San Benito	3	0	0	1	1	0	0
San Bernardino	293	43	0	30	382	195	0
San Diego	711	63	40	283	13	82	0
San Francisco	0	1	0	2	1	0	0
San Joaquin	79	42	0	2	5	23	0
San Luis Obispo	21	9	0	19	52	8	1
San Mateo	98	6	1	29	38	34	0
Santa Barbara	58	18	0	56	41	15	0
Santa Clara	264	22	0	7	0	169	1
Santa Cruz	325	5	0	8	1	0	1
Shasta	85	25	0	41	53	112	11
Sierra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	70	0	0	31	59	291	0
Solano	286	15	0	49	16	36	7
Sonoma	29	2	0	98	52	61	18
Stanislaus	77	20	0	133	179	130	3
Sutter	104	16	0	12	18	30	1
Tehama	3	7	0	1	12	9	0
Trinity	6	0	0	0	6	2	3
Tulare	0	11	0	4	3	1	1
Tuolumne	123	3	0	0	7	28	0
Ventura	236	6	0	0	0	0	0
Yolo	30	24	0	21	0	11	0
Yuba	400	7	0	22	23	13	0

^{a/} This table reflects the outcome of an investigation. In some instances an investigation may have more than one outcome reported. Therefore, the data displayed on this table may not correspond to the numbers on Table 7.

TABLE 10
Food Stamp Program
DISTRICT ATTORNEY PROSECUTION ACTIVITY
January – March 2005

County	Referrals Received	Referrals Available ^{a/}	Prosecutions Filed	Decision Made Not to Prosecute
Statewide	828	3,316	734	104
Alameda	23	314	12	2
Alpine	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	5	0	0
Butte	23	38	0	0
Calaveras	0	0	0	0
Colusa	0	0	0	0
Contra Costa	1	17	2	15
Del Norte	0	0	0	0
El Dorado	3	3	2	0
Fresno	51	119	53	0
Glenn	1	1	0	1
Humboldt	1	5	2	2
Imperial	0	44	0	0
Inyo	0	1	1	0
Kern	82	108	55	1
Kings	21	30	16	1
Lake	4	22	6	3
Lassen	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	153	842	87	9
Madera	15	15	15	0
Marin	0	3	0	0
Mariposa	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	0	4	0	0
Merced	33	267	125	14
Modoc	4	4	1	0
Mono	0	2	0	0
Monterey	0	45	2	1
Napa	0	24	0	0
Nevada	0	0	0	0
Orange	36	78	42	0
Placer	0	55	2	0
Plumas	1	2	0	0
Riverside	46	60	48	1
Sacramento	6	299	6	2
San Benito	0	1	0	0
San Bernardino	43	44	43	0
San Diego	63	107	41	7
San Francisco	1	143	1	0
San Joaquin	42	193	33	7
San Luis Obispo	0	0	0	0
San Mateo	5	10	8	0
Santa Barbara	18	18	7	8
Santa Clara	22	39	17	1
Santa Cruz	3	5	3	0
Shasta	25	32	13	18
Sierra	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	0	4	0	0
Solano	15	168	1	2
Sonoma	2	11	5	4
Stanislaus	20	20	20	0
Sutter	19	19	16	3
Tehama	0	0	0	0
Trinity	0	0	0	0
Tulare	11	11	11	0
Tuolumne	3	4	1	2
Ventura	6	33	7	0
Yolo	24	24	24	0
Yuba	2	23	6	0

^{a/} Data is from DPA 266 January 2005 Item 23 Referrals pending beginning of month plus January, February and March 2005's Item 24 Referrals received during the month.

TABLE 11
Food Stamp Program
PROSECUTION OUTCOMES^{a/}
January – March 2005

County	Convictions	Administrative Action	Disqualification Consent Agreements	Charge Pleaded	Dismissals	Acquittals	Declinations	Expiration of Statutes
Statewide	648	7	44	87	73	4	40	2
Alameda	17	1	1	0	11	0	2	0
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Butte	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Calaveras	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Colusa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Contra Costa	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0
Del Norte	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
El Dorado	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fresno	53	1	0	0	3	0	0	0
Glenn	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	0
Humboldt	4	0	4	0	1	0	0	0
Imperial	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inyo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kern	49	0	0	0	6	0	0	0
Kings	12	0	0	0	2	0	1	0
Lake	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0
Lassen	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	77	0	0	0	10	0	0	0
Madera	8	0	15	0	0	0	0	0
Marin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mariposa	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Merced	31	0	0	0	4	0	17	1
Modoc	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Napa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nevada	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Orange	26	3	0	0	2	2	0	0
Placer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Plumas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Riverside	38	0	0	43	2	0	0	0
Sacramento	25	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
San Benito	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Bernardino	57	0	0	0	10	0	0	0
San Diego	53	0	0	0	7	0	0	0
San Francisco	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Joaquin	25	0	0	0	4	0	7	0
San Luis Obispo	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Mateo	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Santa Barbara	19	2	8	0	1	0	0	0
Santa Clara	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Cruz	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shasta	21	0	0	0	5	0	1	0
Sierra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Solano	9	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
Sonoma	3	0	0	0	1	0	4	0
Stanislaus	12	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Sutter	0	0	3	4	0	0	0	0
Tehama	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trinity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tulare	27	0	0	26	0	0	0	0
Tuolumne	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Ventura	8	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Yolo	21	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Yuba	0	0	6	6	0	0	0	0

^{a/} This table reflects the outcome of a prosecution. In some instances a prosecution may have more than one outcome reported.

TABLE 12
Food Stamp Program
FRAUD OVERISSUANCES AND COLLECTIONS
January – March 2005

County	Fraud Overissuances Identified	Total Collections
Statewide	\$3,607,249	\$1,752,342
Alameda	77,533	118,264
Alpine	0	0
Amador	688	548
Butte	41,414	4,233
Calaveras	0	269
Colusa	0	715
Contra Costa	46,614	8,384
Del Norte	16,799	2,540
El Dorado	12,182	11,799
Fresno	69,476	44,650
Glenn	14,390	4,554
Humboldt	5,812	10,718
Imperial	0	0
Inyo	0	502
Kern	228,692	101,337
Kings	17,060	33,557
Lake	4,432	8,107
Lassen	678	1,055
Los Angeles	963,466	181,610
Madera	42,284	16,601
Marin	7,133	8,720
Mariposa	0	867
Mendocino	29,397	20,079
Merced a/	44,624	7,114
Modoc	6,459	0
Mono	0	0
Monterey	4,492	37,540
Napa	8,219	6,283
Nevada	0	634
Orange	68,978	51,034
Placer b/	4,477	4,807
Plumas	535	1,848
Riverside a/	215,984	124,441
Sacramento b/	255,537	139,682
San Benito	2,970	11,982
San Bernardino a/	129,274	105,598
San Diego	237,811	53,002
San Francisco	130,702	76,815
San Joaquin	85,845	17,800
San Luis Obispo	16,621	2,593
San Mateo	20,170	2,507
Santa Barbara	33,859	52,374
Santa Clara	110,591	173,184
Santa Cruz	22,338	2,629
Shasta	46,521	10,567
Sierra	183	233
Siskiyou	128,000	136,000
Solano	47,456	48,472
Sonoma	44,669	46,333
Stanislaus c/	198,404	0
Sutter	19,132	4,214
Tehama	0	1,549
Trinity	0	390
Tulare	69,770	9,066
Tuolumne	1,078	6,522
Ventura	37,323	4,568
Yolo	27,411	26,934
Yuba	9,766	6,517

a/ Merced, Riverside and San Bernardino's collections data was generated by C-IV system and may be incomplete/incorrect for this period.

b/ Placer and Sacramento's collections data was generated by CalWIN system and may be incomplete/incorrect for this period.

c/ Stanislaus' collections data is not available for this period due to C-IV programming problems.



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